

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled).

30 (Previously presented). An antibody against the  
protein according to claim 58 or a fragment thereof.

31 (Currently amended). The antibody according to  
claim 30 ~~which is a polyclonal antibody, a monoclonal antibody or  
an antibody generated against~~ or an antibody to a peptide  
fragment derived from a protein consisting of amino acid residues  
54 to 282 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the antibody is a polyclonal or  
monoclonal antibody.

Claims 32-50 (Cancelled).

51 (Previously presented). A pharmaceutical composition  
comprising the protein according to claim 58.

Claims 52-57 (Cancelled).

58 (Currently amended). A protein consisting of amino  
acid residues ~~54 to 282~~ 1 to 229 of SEQ ID NO:2.